

Dundas (T.) 1st Baron Dundas 8.

T O T H E P U B L I C.

WHEREAS it was advertised some time ago, That an allum-warehouse was opened in the Lawn-market, by Thomas Dundas, and John Wordie merchant in Edinburgh; and whereas it was advertised at that time, that the smallest quantity of allum to be sold was five hundred weight; it is now agreed upon by the said partners, to convert their warehouse into a shop for a certain limited time, that the public may be served with the smallest quantities in retail.

And that the worthy citizens of Edinburgh may not omit providing themselves in due time, with this most precious commodity, the said partners think it their duty to make them acquainted with its chief properties.

Allum is a very valuable and powerful astringent. The ancient authors in physic are full of its praises in this respect. It is excellent, say they, for fastening the teeth, and strengthening the gums. It is, therefore, recommended to the members of the town-council in a particular manner; as it will qualify them for a very important part of their duty on this occasion, viz. *Feasting*.

Allum is most powerful, say the same learned authors, in stopping hemorrhages of all kinds. Let it, therefore, be purchased, and used at present, as of infinite service in all cases of *wounded consciences*, which prevail so much at the time of elections. The best way of applying it in this case, is to lay it on with *gold-leaf*.

Allum is likewise an excellent cure for several kinds of deafness, and rheums in the ears. It may therefore be administered with great success, at present, for *the malady of not listening*, if the nerve in the palm of the hand that is sympathetic with the ear, be frequently touched nicely with a *silver crown* dipped in melted allum.

Allum in colouring and dying, not only serves to bind the colour on the stuffs, but likewise disposes the stuffs to change their colour, and makes them look brisk when so changed. The manner of using it in this case, is to lay it on with a little soft paper from the Royal-Bank close; and so administered, it will either make the citizens *stick to their colours*; or, when they take a new one, enable them to put a good *face* on it.

Allum boiled in cabbage-water is effectual for the leprosy, and may be of great use to the poor. It is of importance, that the crafts of Edinburgh should know, that, in this form, it is an excellent fomentation for the itch, effectually kills neits and lice, and dries up scalded heads.

There are many other secret uses of this most excellent salt, not so fit for the public ear, but which shall be readily communicated to every honest citizen who will repair any night, after it is dark, to the great house on the east side of St Andrew's square.

N. B. The shop will continue open for retail till the first Tuesday of October, and positively no longer.

The poor shall be served *gratis*—if they are of the Merchant-company, on producing certificates from the Pestle or Mortar. — If of the incorporations, they must bear the stamp of the Chamberpot.